

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A controlled multicast system, comprising:

~~including~~ an Ethernet switch ~~[[and]]~~;

a multicast router,

~~where~~ wherein:

the Ethernet switch connects with each of a plurality of hosts in a downlink, and
connects with the multicast router in an uplink,

the multicast router connects with a multicast router of other systems in the
uplink,

the Ethernet switch implementing multicast exchange of a layer 2, and

an IGMP V2 protocol is adopted as group management protocol between the
Ethernet switch and the host;

wherein the controlled multicast system further comprises:

a portal server, connecting with the multicast router and providing an
interface of user access authentication; ~~[[and]]~~

an authentication server, storing configuration of privilege for the host
which wants to join in the multicast group;

wherein:

the multicast router and the authentication server ~~adopting~~ are configured to adopt a Client-server structure by which the authentication server authenticates identification of the host to join in a multicast group with information inputted through the interface provided by the portal server, and

the multicast router records a User ID and a vlan ID corresponding to the User ID of the authenticated host and then distributes control commands according to results of the authentication to control multicast forwarding operations of the Ethernet switch.

2. (Currently Amended) The controlled multicast system according to claim 1, wherein a RADIUS+ protocol extended from an RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial In User Service) protocol is adopted as communication protocol between the multicast router and the authentication server.

3. (Currently Amended) The controlled multicast system according to claim 1, wherein the authentication server is an AAA (~~authorization and~~ Authorization And Authentication) server.

4. (Currently Amended) The controlled multicast system according to claim 1, wherein:

configuration of privilege comprises a corresponding relation between the User ID of the host and an address of multicast group in which the host wants to join;

the information inputted through the interface provided by the portal server comprises the User ID and a password;

each port through which the host is connected to the Ethernet switch is a vlan port;

~~wherein~~ the authentication server in the system further for, after receiving an extended RADIUS authentication message from the multicast router, of which attributes include the User ID as the user name and the address of multicast group in which the host wants to join, detecting whether to accept the host joining in the multicast group based on the configuration of privilege;

responding with an acceptance message to the multicast router if the host has suitable privilege, otherwise returning a reject message;

~~wherein~~ the multicast router in the system is further configured for, after receiving an IGMP Membership Report message from the Ethernet switch, according to the vlan ID in the message, searching the corresponding User ID in a multicast access privilege table of the multicast router, and then sending the said extended RADIUS authentication message, to the authentication server;

after receiving the acceptance message from the authentication server, writing the address of the multicast group in which the host can join into the said multicast access

privilege table, and implementing a routine disposal on join messages of the host, then generating a Join message, which comprises the vlan ID corresponding to the port that links with the host which wants to join in the multicast group, the address of the multicast group that is applied for, and a Join command field, and then transmitting to the Ethernet switch; ~~moreover~~, completing a routine processing of creating multicast forwarding tree on the IGMP Membership Report message; doing nothing after receiving the reject message;

the Ethernet switch is further configured for[[,]] forwarding the IGMP Membership Report message from the host, ~~wherein~~ the IGMP Membership Report message being forwarded to the multicast router port carries with the vlan ID of the host;

after receiving the Join message from the multicast router, searching the MAC address corresponding to the address of the multicast group in the forwarding table; if the entry corresponding with the MAC address is found, obtaining the port number of the host via searching tin the forwarding table with the vlan ID in the Join message, and then adding the port number into the said entry; if nothing is found, adding an entry in the forwarding table, which comprises the MAC address corresponding to the multicast address, the port number of the host which applies to join in the multicast group, and the port number of the multicast router connected with the Ethernet switch; and

after receiving a multicast flow from the multicast router, forwarding it to ports of the Ethernet switch with the current forwarding table.

5. (Currently Amended) The controlled multicast system according to claim 1, wherein:

the multicast router in the system is further configured for[[,]]:

after receiving an IGMP Leave message[[,]]:

extracting the vlan ID from the message, and

obtaining corresponding entry in the multicast access privilege table via searching with the vlan ID,

then deleting the address of the multicast group indicated by the IGMP Leave message in the entry;

after completing a routine disposal on leave messages of the host, generating a Leave message and sending to the Ethernet switch, which includes the vlan ID of the host which wants to leave the multicast group, the address of multicast group where the host wants to leave and a Leave command field; and the Ethernet switch further configured for[[,]]:

after receiving the Leave message from the multicast router, obtaining the entry through looking up the forwarding table with the MAC address corresponding to the multicast address of the multicast group, and

getting the port number of the host with the vlan ID in the Leave message, and then deleting the said port number from said entry.

6. (Currently Amended) The controlled multicast system according to claim 1, wherein the multicast router in the system is further configured for[[,]]:

after knowing offline status of the host, actively generating the Leave message and sending to the Ethernet switch; and

~~moreover~~ terminating the multicast flow transmission.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~implement~~ implementing a controlled multicast, comprising:

A. in advance, according to ports of an Ethernet switch, classifying vlan with one vlan for each port, and linking one port to the host;

making access authentication for a host which wants to join in a multicast group, if the authentication is successful, executing step B, otherwise ending;

B. forwarding an IGMP Membership Report message from the host by the Ethernet switch;

C. detecting whether to accept the host joining in the multicast group, if it is, generating a Join message to control establishing of an entry in a forwarding table of the Ethernet switch by a multicast router, and forwarding a multicast flow from the multicast router according to the current forwarding table by the Ethernet switch; otherwise ending.

8. (Currently Amended) The method for implementing a controlled multicast according to claim 7, for the host which wants to leave the multicast group, the method further comprising[[,]]:

forwarding an IGMP Leave message from the host by the Ethernet switch; and
generating a Leave message to control deleting the entry of the host in the
forwarding table after the multicast router receives the IGMP Leave message.

9. (Currently Amended) The method for implementing a controlled multicast according to claim 7, further comprising[[],]:

actively generating the Leave message to control deleting the entry of the host in the forwarding table by the multicast router once knowing offline status of the host[[],];
and

terminating the multicast flow transmission.

10. (Currently Amended) The method for implementing a controlled multicast according to claim 7, wherein:

in step A, the said step of making access authentication for a host which wants to join in the multicast group comprises[[],]:

in advance, storing configuration of privilege for hosts which want to join in the multicast group in an authentication server that connects with the multicast router, wherein the configuration of privilege includes a corresponding relation between a User ID of the host and an address of multicast group in which the host wants to join;

inputting information including the User ID and a password through an interface provided by a portal server, and authenticating identification of the host with the information by the authentication server; and

recording the User ID of the host and a corresponding vlan ID of the host in a multicast access privilege table by the multicast router after the authentication is successful;

the step B further comprises[[],]:

if the port corresponding to the destination MAC address in the IGMP Membership Report message is found in the forwarding table, forwarding to the found port, otherwise forwarding to all ports[[]],

wherein the IGMP Membership Report message forwarded to the multicast router port carries with vlan ID of the host; and

the step C further comprises,

C1. after multicast router receives the IGMP Membership Report message, searching the User ID of the host in the multicast access privilege table based on the vlan ID in the IGMP Membership Report message; then sending an extended RADIUS authentication message which includes the User ID just found as the user name and the address of multicast group in which the host wants to join as the name and the address of multicast group in which the host wants to join as the attribute, to the authentication server; detecting whether to accept the

host joining in the multicast group by the authentication server according to the configuration of privilege;

if the host has suitable privilege, responding with an acceptance message to the multicast router by the authentication server, and then executing step C2, otherwise returning a reject message;

the multicast router does nothing and ends after receiving the reject message;

C2. after the multicast router receives the acceptance message, writing the address of the multicast group in which the host can join into the said multicast access privilege table, and implementing a routine disposal on join messages of the host, then generating a Join message, which comprises the vlan ID corresponding to the port that links with the host which wants to join in the multicast group, the address of the multicast group that is applied for, and a Join command field, and then transmitting to the Ethernet switch;

~~moreover,~~ completing a routing processing of creating multicast forwarding tree on the IGMP Membership Report message;

C3. searching the MAC address corresponding to the address of the multicast group in the forwarding table by the Ethernet switch;

if the entry corresponding with the MAC address is found, obtaining the port number of the host via the vlan Id IN THE Join message, and then adding the port number into the said entry;

if nothing is found, adding an entry in the forwarding table, which comprises the MAC address corresponding to the multicast address, the port number of the host which applies to join in the multicast group, and the port number of the multicast router connected with the Ethernet switch; and

C4. sending only one copy of the multicast flow to the Ethernet switch by the multicast router.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for implementing a controlled multicast according to claim 8, wherein:

the step of forwarding an IGMP Leave message from the host further comprises[[,]] forwarding the IGMP Leave message from the host based on the current forwarding table;

~~wherein~~ the IGMP Leave message forwarded to the multicast router carries with the vlan ID of the host;

the step of generating a Leave message to control deleting the entry of the host in the forwarding table further comprises[[,]]:

after the multicast router receives the IGMP Leave message, extracting the vlan ID from the message, and obtaining corresponding entry via searching in the multicast access privilege table with the vlan ID, then deleting the address of the multicast group indicated by the IGMP Leave message in the entry of the multicast access privilege table;

completing a routine disposal on leave messages of the host, and then generating a Leave message and sending to the Ethernet switch, which includes the vlan ID of the host which wants to leave the group, the address of multicast group where the host wants to leave and a Leave command field; and

after the Ethernet switch receives the Leave message, obtaining the entry through looking up the forwarding table with the MAC address corresponding to the multicast address of the multicast group, and getting the port number of the host with the vlan ID in the Leave message, and then deleting the said port number from the said entry.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for implementing a controlled multicast according to Claim 11, the step of generating a Leave message to control deleting the entry of the host in the forwarding table further comprises[[],]; if the deleted port is the solely port of the said entry in the forwarding table, further deleting the whole entry.

13. (Currently Amended) The method for implementing a controlled multicast according to Claim 7, further comprising:

during the messages forwarding, adopting a vlan protocol between the multicast router port and the Ethernet switch.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for implementing a controlled multicast according to claim 7, the method further comprises[[,]]:

filtering data messages send by a multicast sender with a multicast Access Control List (ACL) through the first receiver among the multicast routers[[,]]: and

forwarding the data messages that satisfy the requirements in the ACL to the multicast tree.

15. (Currently Amended) The method for implementing a controlled multicast according to claim 14, wherein the multicast ACL comprises a command word, a source address, and a group address.

16. (Currently Amended) The method for implementing a controlled multicast according to claim 14, wherein:

the multicast ACL is distributed to each multicast router by a centralized multicast service control server; and

~~meanwhile~~ the multicast service control server ~~is also~~ acts as the authentication server.

17. (Previously Presented) The method for implementing a controlled multicast according to claim 14, wherein the multicast ACL can also be distributed by a centralized policy server or a network manager.

18. (New) A method for implementing a controlled multicast, comprising:

in advance, according to ports of an Ethernet switch, classifying virtual local area network (vlan) with one vlan for each port, and linking one port to the host; and

making access authentication for a host which wants to join in a multicast group,

if the authentication is unsuccessful, ending,

otherwise:

forwarding an Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) Membership Report message from the host by the Ethernet switch, the forwarding comprising:

if the port corresponding to the destination Media Access Control (MAC) address in the IGMP Membership Report message is found in the forwarding table, forwarding to the found port,

otherwise forwarding to all ports, the IGMP Membership Report message being forwarded to the multicast router port carries with vlan ID of the host; and

detecting whether to accept the host joining in the multicast group,

if accepting is detected:

generating a Join message to control establishing of an entry in a forwarding table of the Ethernet switch by a multicast router, and

forwarding a multicast flow from the multicast router according to the current forwarding table by the Ethernet switch,

otherwise ending.